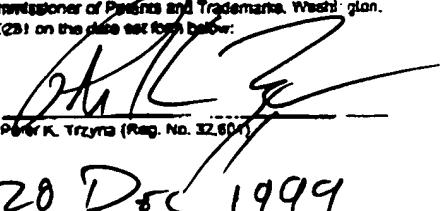


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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) -
SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

SIR:

We hereby declare that we respectively are each an official of the
respective small business concern(s) empowered to act on behalf of the respective
concerns identified as New Market Solutions LLC, an Arizona corporation, having an
address at 4720 W. Arivaca Rd. Arivaca, AZ 85645.

We further respectively declare that New Market Solutions LLC is a small
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We further respectfully declare that rights under contract or law for the above-identified invention and patent application have been conveyed to, and remain with, the small business concerns identified above. These rights are exclusive and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventors, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR § 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR § 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR § 1.9(e).

We each acknowledge the duty to file in this application notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issues to be after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. § 1.18(b)).

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